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1. European Patent Publication No. 0 493 117 A2 dated 07/01/92
2. European Patent Publication No. 0 663 265 A1 dated 07/19/95
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 60 018925 dated 01/31/85 (Abstract)

A PTO form 1449 listing these documents is enclosed.

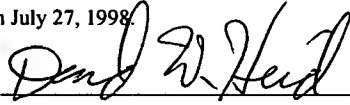
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